I thank you and the Members of the Karnataka Legislative Assembly for the Motion of Thanks adopted by the Assembly on 29th January 1979 in respect of my Address delivered to the Members of the Legislature on 18th January 1979.

With regards and all good wishes to you and the Members of the Legislative Assembly"

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

MR. SPEAKER :—The Business Advisory Committee at a meeting held on 19th March 1979 have recommended that the House may take up General discussion on Budget Estimates for the Year 1979-80 on 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd and 24th March 1979. On 26th March, the House may take up Voting of supplementary Demands for Grants for the year 1978-79 and voting of Demands for Grants on Account for the year 1979-80. On 27th March the House may take up the Appropriation and Other Money Bills. The Committee have also recommended that the House may adjourn on 27th March and re-assemble on 6th April 1979 to take up the Voting of Demands for Grants and other Legislative Business.

CALLING ATTENTION TO A MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

re : Receipt of fresh applications under the land Reforms Act even after disposal of surplus land to the harijans in Chittapur Constituency.

SRI PRABHAKAR TELKAR (Chitapur) :—I call the attention of the Minister for Revenue to the situation that has arisen in Chittapur Constituency due to receiving of fresh applications under the Karnataka Land Reforms Act even after the disposal of the surplus lands to landless Harijan people.

SRI B. BASAVALINGAPPA (Minister for Revenue) :—I wish to make the following statement :

An extent of 1586-37 acres was determined as surplus in Chitapur Constituency and the same was distributed among 333 landless persons.

It is reported that an extent of 741-04 acres out of the above said area pertaining to 122 grantees of surplus land has been claimed by other persons sending applications in Form No. 7 for registration as occupants of the said lands. All these applications in Form No. 7

were filed before the Karnataka Land Reforms (Amendment) Act 1978, came into force on 1-1-1979.

It is further reported by the Deputy Commissioner, Gulbarga, that there is neither any crisis nor any representations from the grantees. Sri Prabhakar Telkar had also discussions with the Special Assistant Commissioner, Gulbarga last month in this connection. Necessary action will be taken by the Land Tribunals concerned to dispose of Form No. 7 applications filed pertaining to the surplus land granted.

SRI PRABHAKAR TELKAR :—As per the report, an extent of 1586 37 acres was determined as surplus land in Chittapur Constituency and the same was distributed among 333 landless persons. This distribution was done in the presence of villagers concerned by calling through a Notification and by beating of drums ; Each and every application was decided in those villages and the surplus lands were distributed to the grantees by our Hon. Chief Minister. Now I would like to mention about the question that has arisen due to receiving of fresh applications under the Karnataka Land Reforms Act. Specific representations have also been made to the concerned officers about the problems in Chittapur, Kenagrama, Ravur village and Malagatti village. In those places, surplus lands were granted to the Harijans but now some persons have been allowed to file application in Form No 7 with the result there is a tension between these two groups. These surplus lands have been declared and granted to such persons by adopting the legal procedures and therefore, there is no question of claiming the occupancy rights over such surplus land by others.

Then, I would like to submit that some of the officers are not at all taking interest to protect the persons who have been given the possession of the land with the result they have been dis-possessed with the land and when specific representations were given with full particulars relating to survey number and the name of the village etc., no action has been taken by them. When the Hon. Minister was present, the about fact was represented to him. They don't want to protect the interests of the persons who have been granted the surplus lands. They want to shirk their responsibilities. I have written two letters to some of the Officers on this matter but they have written back saying that some details to be furnished. They are the Officers who are incharge of that division and they should have got the details relating to a particular sub-division.

MR. SPEAKER :—Under Calling Attention Notice, the scope is very much limited. The Hon. Member must know his limitations.